

JOURNAL

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Wednesday - 23 April 1975

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1. [redacted] Called Ralph Malvik, OMB, to report that the Agency is in full support of GSA's draft bills to amend 5 U. S. C. 5724a(a)(3) and (4) to liberalize conditions under which an employee may be entitled to subsistence expenses while occupying temporary quarters; and liberalizing code provisions which authorize reimbursement for the expenses of sale and purchase of a residence upon the transfer of an employee. No written response is required.

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2. [redacted] At Mr. Cary's instruction, called Russ Rourke in the White House regarding H. Res. 400. I inquired whether his office had been requested for comments by the House Committee on International Relations and what the Administration's position was. I told him we had some special problems with this because of the section of our charter which exempted the Agency from the provision of any law requiring disclosure of the names, numbers, or functions of personnel. Rourke was quite sympathetic to our problem but said he believed this resolution was being handled by the office of Phil Buchen, Counsel to the President. He then suggested I call Rod Hills, whom he said had been newly appointed as deputy to Mr. Buchen and who would know what action was being taken. I subsequently called Hills at the number Rourke provided but he was tied up and said he would get back to me this afternoon.

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3. [redacted] Called the office of the Senate Committee on Government Operations regarding S. 653, Senator William Proxmire's (D., Wisc.) bill to permit GAO audits of CIA accounts and operations. I was referred to Elizabeth Priest, one of the clerks for the Committee, who said that the bill had not been assigned to a subcommittee and that no agencies had yet been asked for comments. According to Ms. Priest, the Committee has taken no action on the bill whatsoever except to assign staff member Paul Hoff to handle it.

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25. [redacted] Rod Hills, White House staff, called concerning H. Res. 400. He apparently had not been aware of this Resolution prior to my calls to Jack Marsh about it. I dictated the language of the Resolution to his secretary and Hills said he would follow up on it.

26. [redacted] Mark Kliman, in the office of Representative Les Aspin, called and said he has written his "essay" for Aspin on Russian and U.S. defense spending. He said somebody told Aspin the Russians were increasing their military hardware expenditures heavily, from 3% to 5%. He wanted to know if that figure is true and is it expected to continue. He also said that apparently the Soviets have increased the number of their divisions in East Europe from 1968 to the present. He wants to know if this amounts to an increase in the number of bodies, a change in division strength or what. [redacted] will check this out and if the material is not classified he will call Kliman directly.

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Thursday - 17 April 1975

STAT 30. (Unclassified - GLC) Called Jack Marsh, Counselor to the President, and advised him of the request the Director received this morning at the briefing of the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations for the report the Director submitted to the President on 24 December 1974 on [REDACTED] (See Journal item 26) I also discussed with Marsh the Budget Committees and GAO audit problems saying I had the impression OMB might be ready to give up to the Budget Committees whatever they want regarding the Agency budget. I told him I would keep him posted on this. I mentioned Representative Elizabeth Holtzman's "Resolution of Inquiry" (H. Res. 400) regarding American citizens in South Vietnam. Marsh had asked that I keep him informed on these and related subjects.

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94TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 400

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 1975

Ms. HOLTZMAN (for herself and Mr. JOHN L. BURTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved*, That the President is directed to provide, not
2 later than five days after the adoption of this resolution, to
3 the House of Representatives the following information in
4 the possession of the executive branch:

5 (1) the number of United States nationals presently
6 in South Vietnam as employees of the United States
7 Government, the agencies by which they are employed,
8 and the activities in which they are engaged;

9 (2) the number of United States nationals presently
10 in South Vietnam who work as or for United States
11 Government contractors or subcontractors;

12 (3) the number of United States nationals presently

1 in South Vietnam who are not employees of the United
2 States Government, together with the types of work in
3 which they are engaged, including nonprofit humani-
4 tarian relief activities, business ventures, and mercenary
5 activities;

6 (4) the number of dependents of United States
7 nationals, which dependents are presently in South Viet-
8 nam; and

9 (5) the reasons, to the extent known, for which
10 persons in each category above have not been evacuated
11 from South Vietnam.

12 This information shall be made available to each Member of
13 the House of Representatives in accordance with procedures
14 adopted by the Speaker to assure the confidentiality of any
15 classified information.

94TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 400

RESOLUTION

Directing the President to provide to the House of Representatives certain information respecting United States nationals who are presently in South Vietnam.

By Ms. HOLZMAN and Mr. JOHN L. BURTON

APRIL 16, 1975

Referred to the Committee on International Relations